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FEDERAL GRAND JURY RETURNS INDICTMENTS

Madison, Wisconsin -- A federal grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, sitting in Madison, returned the following indictments today. You are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

THREE INDICTED IN DRUG CONSPIRACY

Robert Lowery, DOB 7/30/48, Jason Carr, DOB 11/3/80, and Heather Lane, DOB 7/5/74, were charged with conspiring to possess with intent to distribute, and to distribute, marijuana. Lowery is a resident of Madison, and Carr and Lane are residents of Genesee, Wisconsin. The indictment alleges that the conspiracy took place from in or about February 2006 to June 13, 2006, and that the conspiracy involved 100 kilograms or more of marijuana. In addition, Lowery is charged with possession with intent to distribute 500 grams or more of cocaine, and with being a felon in possession of firearms. The indictment alleges that Lowery possessed a revolver, two semi-automatic handguns, and two shotguns.

The original charges in this matter were filed by complaint in the Eastern District of Wisconsin on June 14, 2006. However, now that an indictment has been returned by the grand jury in the Western District of Wisconsin, all court proceedings will take place in U.S. District Court in Madison.

If convicted, the defendants face a maximum penalty of 20 years in federal prison on the conspiracy count. Lowery faces a mandatory minimum penalty of five years and a maximum penalty of 40 years on the cocaine count, and 10 years on the felon in possession count. This matter was investigated by the Dane County Sheriff's Department, Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation-Narcotics Bureau, Waukesha County Sheriff's Department, Waukesha County Metro Drug Unit, and Racine County Drug Unit. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

MAN FACES IMMIGRATION CHARGE

Valentin Villavicencio-Garcia, DOB 2/23/74, a citizen of Mexico, who has been residing in Altoona, Wisconsin, is charged with intentionally re-entering the United States after previously being deported. The indictment alleges that the defendant was found in the United States on May 3, 2006.

If convicted, Villavicencio-Garcia faces a maximum penalty of five years in federal prison. This matter was investigated by the Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The prosecution of this case has been assigned to Assistant U.S. Attorney David J. Reinhard.

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